

BANKERS READY TO ENTER POOL

Interests in Large Financial Centers to Subscribe Large Part of Money.

FIRST CALL, \$25,000,000

Remainder of Coin to Be Demanded as Needed, Is Plan of Forgan Committee.

Detailed information concerning the gold pool of \$100,000,000 which is to be formed to meet the international obligations of United States banks was made public by the Federal Reserve Board yesterday. It was announced that the board has received assurances from banks in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and St. Louis that they would subscribe the major part of the pool, provided that the banks of other cities pledge themselves to subscribe a proportionate share.

In pursuance of the suggestion of the Forgan committee, the board has undertaken the responsibility of apportioning the subscriptions among the various cities and to each clearing-house president has been forwarded a recommendation that his association subscribe a certain portion of the pool.

Six New York bankers have been suggested to take over at New York the management of the pool. They are: Albert H. Wiggin, chairman, and William Woodward, J. S. Alexander, Francis L. Hine, Benjamin Strong, Jr., and F. A. Vanderlip.

The plan of the Forgan committee is that the New York committee to have charge of the pool shall call at first for only \$25,000,000, and that the remainder of the \$100,000,000 shall not be called for until it is needed.

The report of the Forgan committee of bankers, which provided for a pool of \$100,000,000, but which later was amended so as to call for only \$100,000,000, was made public. The committee says in the report:

"We propose to arrange the details of the plan of administration with the New York committee so that the requirements of all parts of the United States for foreign exchange will be fairly and impartially dealt with, and we suggest, in the event of any complaint on the part of any contributor to the fund in connection with the distribution of use, that the board shall appoint a committee of bankers to pass upon any such question, whose decision, under such rules and regulations as you may prescribe, shall be final."

"We further recommend that the national and State banking institutions in the central reserve cities of the United States be requested by you to contribute to this fund, due regard being given to their present holdings of gold as recently ascertained by your direction."

"We have recommended that contributors to the fund be confined to the banks and trust companies in the central reserve and reserve cities, so that banks which are members of the Federal reserve system may make their payments at the time of the organization of the Federal reserve banks out of their own cash."

"The people and the army have confidence in the final victory of Austria. The Austrians in the last few days have engaged in several indecisive battles with the Serbians."

"In the recent battles about Lemberg the Russians lost 52,000 killed and wounded and 12,000 prisoners."

"A further message relating to the operations in France says there has been no fighting there recently, except unimportant artillery engagements."

"Despite the unfavorable weather, the German troops are in excellent condition."

AID FOR TAHOMA TODAY.

The report from Seattle that the steamer Senator had reached the stranded revenue cutter Tahoma in Alaskan waters yesterday, was declared to be untrue by Captain Commandant Berthoff, of the revenue cutter service. The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey steamer Patterson from Unalakleet, and the steamer Cordoba from Nome, both will reach the Tahoma today, he said. The Tahoma has sixty men aboard.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

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Pepper and Beans Enough To Start Revolution, Says Dies

Democratic leaders in the House yesterday expressed grave concern over the outcome of the recent developments in Mexico. In view of the fact that the campaign text-book, recently issued by the Democratic National Congressional Committee, makes its principal theme the success of the Mexican policy of the Wilson administration, their discomfiture was evident.

The southwestern Democratic view of the whole Mexican affair was summed up by Representative Dies of Texas in the following terse comment:

"It is certainly a hell of a country where all that a man needs is a bottle of chili pepper and a barrel of beans to start a revolution."

URGES CHINESE NEUTRALITY.

No Partisan Gossip in Tea Houses, Is Official Order.

Peking, China, Sept. 24.—The following official proclamation was posted throughout China:

"The President has declared the neutrality of the Chinese government, which all the people of this country should strictly observe. During the time of war, the people may rest assured that they will receive no harm and will have no cause to fear."

"It is, however, much to be feared that there may be some merchants and other persons who have not yet been fully informed of the actual facts of the situation, and it is not unlikely that there may be some bad characters, who, taking advantage of this critical time, will circulate rumors with a view to creating panic in the minds of the public, and thereby great disturbances. We have, therefore, ordered the police and soldiers to exercise the utmost surveillance over these bad characters."

"The public is hereby once more admonished that it should peacefully pursue its daily occupations and not listen to unfounded rumors. The public is hereby cautioned that hereafter should any one comment upon the political affairs of the Chinese and foreign government in tea houses, taverns, hotels, and other public places, and whose gossip should so distort the actual aspect of events and mislead the public mind, create panic in the minds of the people, he shall be arrested and severely dealt with."

"The public should tremble and obey."

RUSSIAN GENERAL COMMITTED NO ATROCITIES, SAY GERMANS

Berlin, Sept. 24.—The Vossische Zeitung admits that no proof of atrocities committed has been found against Gen. Martos, of the Russian army, who was transported through Germany in chains.

RAILWAY AND TELEGRAPH FROM VERA CRUZ TO MEXICO CITY ARE CUT; VILLA'S HAND SEEN

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of which 18,000 are cavalry. Villa's forces are said to be well armed and equipped and trained, with every man most enthusiastically devoted to Villa personally. He has, with him Gen. Angeles, whom it is thought he will favor for the presidency. It is also predicted Gen. Obregon will be with Villa, while Gov. Matamoros, whose rebellion against Carranza in Sonora has contributed to the trouble between Villa and the first chief, will, of course, support Villa.

Has Little to Offer.

Carranza has little to offer on the battlefield. It has been asserted that the men of Gen. Gonzales will not fight Villa, and if Gen. Obregon has gone to Villa, as is believed, this leaves Carranza with only a small force actually at his disposal, consisting of troops now in Mexico City.

The correspondence between Villa and Carranza leading up to the violent rupture between them yesterday, and the Carranza view of the incidents prior to this correspondence, were made public here tonight by Rafael Zubaran, Carranza's representative of the constitutionalist agency in Washington.

Of the correspondence made public, a message from Villa to Carranza is fairly indicative of the general situation. It reads:

"I have just been informed that following an order from headquarters the railroad traffic north of Agua Calientes has been discontinued. This order is an act which shows hostility toward the union of the north; it is absolutely unjustifiable and one for which I find no reason. I am requesting you to give me an immediate explanation of this matter, so I may know how to act. The states and cities through which the railroad passes will suffer considerable damage by this order; it is necessary to remedy this condition as soon as possible. I am awaiting your immediate reply."

To this communication Carranza replied:

"Before answering your message, which I have just received, I desire an explanation of your conduct toward Gen. Obregon in Chihuahua."

Villa Hurls Def.

Villa sent the following answer:

"Gen. Obregon and other generals of this division left last night for the capital to take up important matters in connection with the general situation of the republic. But in view of the course you have taken, which shows an avowed desire to place obstacles in the way of reaching a satisfactory arrangement of all difficulties, and to hinder the obtaining of the peace we all so much desire, I have given orders for them to discontinue their trip and to halt at Terreon."

"Consequently, I inform you that this division will not take part in the convention which you have called, and I also inform you that the division of the north no longer recognizes you as the first chief of the republic. You are at liberty to pursue any course that may please you."

VILLA'S REVOLT MEANS HUERTA WILL RETURN FROM EXILE, IS FEDERAL AGENT'S STATEMENT

New York, Sept. 24.—The reported revolt of Gen. Villa against Gen. Carranza, and his flight to Terreon, is pleasing to the Huertistas now in New York. According to Senor Rabasa, who was one of Gen. Huerta's mediators at the Niagara conference, the new turn of affairs will mean the return from exile of Gen. Huerta.

"The revolt of Villa is not surprising," said Rabasa, "because his sons and daughters, is stopping at the Hotel Astor. It is but the natural sequence of events. The turning of Villa against the first chief means the embroiling of Mexico in another revolution, and it is bound to result in the return of Gen. Huerta. For more than a year Huerta demonstrated that he was capable of holding the lawless elements of Mexico in check, and but for foreign interference he would have pacified the country and brought order out of chaos."

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 24.—The Mexican soldiers forming the garrison at Nueva Laredo today declared their allegiance to Gen. Villa. Their commander is Col. Gerardo Garza, who was appointed by Gen. Carranza.

RUSTEM BEY DEFIANT; TO LEAVE WASHINGTON

Gave Offensive Interview Regarding Conditions Here and in Turkey. Where Moslems Are Feared.

VON SCHOEN DENIES JAP TALK

A speedy end to the series of displeasing interviews given out by European diplomats since the beginning of the war was indicated yesterday with the announcement of A. Rustem Bey, the Turkish Ambassador, one of those to incur displeasure, that he is leaving in ten days for Constantinople; also the repudiation by Baron von Schoen, of the German Embassy, of an offensive interview. Both incidents are now regarded as closed.

The Turkish Ambassador wrote President Wilson that he had asked for a leave of absence, which he had reason to believe would be granted. There is no doubt but what the Ambassador's departure on a leave of absence is the diplomatic method adopted of bringing about his departure with the least possible embarrassment.

A sting was contained in the Turkish Ambassador's farewell, however, as he informed the President he had not changed the views expressed in the objectionable interview.

The interview contained the statement that the sending of the United States warships to Turkish waters in connection with reports of dangers to Christians would lead to a serious situation. Defending his country, the Ambassador stated that while massacres had occurred, they were acts which any people might commit under similar provocation, and compared them with the lynching of negroes in the United States and the alleged "water-cure" as practiced by American soldiers during the Philippine insurrection.

The offensive interview given by Baron von Schoen stated that the Japanese regarded war with this country as inevitable.

The belief is strong that Baron Schoen's repudiation was the result of a conversation with Ambassador von Bernstorff in New York over the telephone. Prior to this conversation with his chief, the embassy attaché informed callers that the correctness of the interview was admitted.

GERMAN YACHT DETAINED.

London, Sept. 24.—The naval prize court today sentenced the detention of the Krupp racing yacht Germania, which was seized near Hampton at the outbreak of the war.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK.

London, Sept. 24.—The Norwegian steamer Hevik has been destroyed by a mine in the North Sea.

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BATTLE OF THE AISNE IS BECOMING A SIEGE

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of the fact that they have been drenched to the skin and some days, in trenches deep in mud and water, and subjected to incessant night alarms and almost continuous bombardment, they, on every occasion, have been ready for the German infantry when the latter attempted assaults, and they have beaten them back with great loss.

"Further evidence has been collected of the misuse of the white flag during the recent fighting. In one instance the German ambulance wagons advanced in order to collect the wounded, and the order to cease firing was given to those of our guns which had been shelling this particular section of ground. The German battery commanders at once took advantage of the lull in the action to climb observation ladders and locate our guns which soon came under a fire of greatly increased accuracy."

ALLIES TAKE PERONNE; ADVANCE TOWARD ROYE

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Somme and the Oise, our troops have advanced in the direction of Roye, about twenty-five miles southeast of St. Quentin. A detachment has occupied Peronne and is maintaining itself there despite sharp attacks from the enemy. Between the Oise and the Aisne the enemy continues to maintain important forces solidly entrenched. We have advanced slightly to the northwest of Berry-au-Bac.

"Second—On the center, between the Argonne and Rheims, there is no change. At the east of the Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse the enemy continues his attacks with particular violence. The combat continues with alternative recoil at certain points and advance at others."

No Change at Nancy.

"Third—On our right wing there is no notable change in the region of Nancy and in the Vosges.

ACCUSES BELGIAN WOMEN

Pried Out Eyes of Soldiers, Girls from U. S. Are Told.

New York, Sept. 24.—The steamer Antilles arrived here today, bringing 322 Americans. Miss Elfrida Konnenich and her sister, Miss Irmgard, were among the passengers. They went from Belgium to Italy in a railway coach with a wounded German soldier.

"The soldier told us," said Miss Elfrida, "that he saw Belgian women come out upon the battlefield after a fight and pry the eyes out of wounded Germans. He said they even cut the ears and noses off and pulled the tongues out by the roots."

COPPER MAY BE SEIZED.

London, Sept. 24.—Underwriters were warned today to be careful concerning copper shipments from the United States, because copper now is a conditional contraband.

EPHROS GVERNOR KILLED.

London, Sept. 24.—A Reuter dispatch from Avonla reports that M. Sorastia, Greek governor of Ephros, has been killed in an automobile accident.

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